

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 2, after the word "application" insert the following:

-- is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/055,582 filed April 6, 1998, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 filed January 14, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,735,893, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/556,516, filed November 13, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721, ~~now U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721,~~ which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790, filed July 28, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,514,154, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 filed December 9, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/783,558, filed October 28, 1991, now abandoned, which--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel 2-24 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

1 ~~25~~ A longitudinally flexible stent for implanting in a body lumen, comprising:
a plurality of cylindrical rings having an undulating pattern in the form of peaks and valleys and being adapted for expansion from a first delivery diameter to a second expanded diameter;

5 the plurality of cylindrical rings being aligned on a common longitudinal axis and each cylindrical ring being connected to an adjacent cylindrical ring by interconnecting elements;
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